

NEW MEXICO STATE NEWS

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CHAVES

Wagon Caught Fire.

A. Mason brought a load of freight into Tatum last Thursday and unloaded part of it at the Tatum Hardware and then drove his wagons behind the blacksmithshop. He took out his teams and tied them to his front wagon and fed them and walked away. Soon his front wagon was seen to be covered in flames. The fire was put out with difficulty and not till it had done considerable damage.

The fire started in a barrel of dry cell batteries.—Tatum Democrat.

Hay Barn Burns.

The large hay barn on the Schuyler Smith place seven miles northwest of Hagerman was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday night, the fire originating from a bolt of lightning which struck the barn during the electric storm that night. Also about three hundred chickens were burned. The loss is a large one as the barn was full of hay and there was no insurance.—Hagerman Messenger.

COLFAX

Housebreakers Busy.

The home of Oliver Christianson was entered by thieves last Monday night between eight and nine o'clock and a quantity of valuables taken including a watch, a lavialier and other articles of jewelry. The entrance was made during the absence of the occupants who returned to find their rooms in confusion. No definite clue has been obtained as to the guilty party or parties. It is presumed that the work will be traced to the operation of several boys who are known to have been concerned recently in similar escapades. A stiff sentence in the reform school is awaiting several of these suspected boys, who will be caught at the business sooner or later and summarily dealt with.—Raton Range.

A False Alarm

As Emil Markabrad intended to leave for Las Vegas Monday, he decided that he would do a little extra work Saturday night. Just as it was getting dark he returned to his blacksmith shop and started a fire in his forge. Some one noticed the flickering light growing steadily brighter, and not knowing the blacksmith had returned to work, gave out his dreaded cry of "fire! fire!"

In a very few minutes there was an excited crowd on the street ready to act as volunteer fire department. Some had buckets ready to form a bucket brigade. W. D. Paulson secured one of the chemical tanks from the Paul-

son building. All were ready at a moment's notice to help save property. When it was learned that it was a false fire alarm the crowd dispersed.

After quiet had been restored a number of business men met and discussed the need of a fire protection. As a result of this discussion, the matter was brought before the town board at its meeting Monday night, and the chances are that a chemical fire extinguisher will be purchased by the town.—Maxwell Mail.

DONA ANA

Father Coulombe Vindicted

The Rev. Father Joseph Coulombe, of Anthony, in charge of the lower valley parish, went to a house in the border line town to administer the last rites to a woman. When he got there he found a fake doctor and a woman attending to the sick and these told the priest his presence was non grata, whereupon Father Coulombe took things into his own hands and made these fakers get out of the house. The result was that the priest was arrested, brought before Justice Lopez and acquitted forthwith. Then Father Coulombe's lawyer Hon. Jose Gonzalez and Hon. Marcial Valdez, both ex-members of the legislature, got busy and had the fakers tried for practicing medicine without a license, the result being that Justice Lopez imposed a sentence of sixty days and costs on the wily medico. The woman was allowed to go scott free because it was proven that she was only assisting the doctor and was not aware that he lacked the necessary license.—Las Cruces Citizen.

EDDY

Too Bad.

One of the prettiest and most affable young ladies, it Artesia just had to remain at home all day on the Fourth all because the wrong man asked her to go to Hagerman. This is one beastly, barbarous and unjust custom in our social system that ought to change to read that the ladies be allowed to ask whomever they like to accompany them to places.

There would be one advantage in this: if the courtier slinked out of it or had a previous, the lady would know where she is "at" then she would be in a position to make other arrangements. She would also save the embarrassment of excusing herself to those about whom she does not care.—Artesia News.

LINCOLN

Five Die in Flames.

A mother and four children lost their lives Monday morning at 12:30 when the house in which

they were sleeping burned to the ground. Mrs. Lawrence Olsen and her four children—three girls and one boy—were the victims and the fire occurred at their home near Oscura. The husband and father was in this section at the time engaged in drilling a well, and is therefore, the sole survivor of the family.

It is not known positively how the building caught on fire, but the supposition is that the fire started from the cook stove, which had a fire in it during the preceding evening. When neighbors discovered the fire the entire building was enveloped in flames and the first to reach the scene could offer no assistance nor discover any signs of life.

The remains of the five bodies were collected, an inquest held and interment made Monday afternoon. Only the trunks remained and they were charred beyond recognition. The oldest child was twelve years old, the youngest less than a year. The husband and father has the deepest sympathy of the people, not only of his own community, but in Carrizozo as well, where he has many friends and acquaintances.—Carrizozo News.

Injured in Runaway.

Mrs. Lane who lives on the Lum Byfield place near Nogal was driving a team which became frightened and ran away. She jumped from the wagon and in so doing sustained a broken leg. A physician was called from Capitán and set the broken member but it is said amputation will be necessary.—Carrizozo Outlook.

GRANT

Narrow Escape.

Chauncey Rowe, of the firm of Rowe & Dollins, who conduct the auto and stage line from Silver City to Tyrone, narrowly escaped death when the car he was driving went over a steep embankment.

Mr. Rowe had been working very hard all day and night, hauling people to Silver City to attend the fourth of July celebration and it was on a return trip from Silver City, sometime after midnight, that the accident happened. He went to sleep for an instant, it is supposed, and the car turned over twice with him. When picked up he was unconscious and had a gash on his head about twelve inches long. He is in the Tyrone hospital and is recovering nicely and if no complications arise will be out in a short time.—Silver City Enterprise.

Cow Boys Mix It.

A general free-for-all fight took place out at the race track during the celebration on the 4th

in which the participants were "hombres" large and small. The fight began over the possession of a saddle and continued until several men were well beaten up. Owing to the large number of contestants no names are mentioned. By Wednesday afternoon, however, the pugnacious feelings had subsided.—Lordsburg Liveral.

Two Monkey-Face Owls.

Miss Luetta Arisman has captured a colony of three monkey face owls and is making pets of them. Although quite young, they show considerable intelligence. They sure are the comic lookers. If nature was trying to make something funny looking, she certainly did her darndest when she built those owls.—Buckhorn Cor. Silver City Enterprise.

Fourth of July Accidents.

Boyd Wallace, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wallace was badly burned Tuesday when a package of fire crackers was ignited in his pockets and exploded. The boy was burned about the legs and hands. Jack Stephens was also burned about the hands and arms while extinguishing the blaze from the youngster.

Percy Brown was the victim of a collision with a Hupmobile touring car Tuesday evening. The car ran into the young man who was on his bicycle, knocking him to the ground and demolishing the wheel. His bruises, luckily, were not serious and he is able to be out.

Several other minor accidents were reported during the three days celebration but none were serious.—Lordsburg Liberal.

GUADALUPE

Killed by Lightning.

Elwood Beal, whose parents live in Elida, this state, was instantly killed last Saturday by lightning. He was on a wagon driving from Pintada canon to Pastura, and was about one and one-half miles from the latter place when he was struck. His wife was on the same wagon and sitting near him with a baby in her arms. Neither mother nor child were hurt. Three of the four mules being driven were killed. The body of Beal was embalmed and shipped to Elida for burial.—La Voz Publica.

Ruthless Slaughter.

Since shade trees in yards and in the park have made a good growth, mocking birds are nesting in them to a considerable extent and their sweet song is heard in all parts of town, day and night. In addition to their joyful melodies, the birds are of great benefit as insect destroyers. But the native and mixed breed boy, and some American kids we are sorry to state, are mortal enemies of bird life. They look for and locate the nests and destroy them at every opportunity. The boys are not to be blamed as much as

their parents and teachers who are indifferent to bird life. Every nest of insectivorous birds destroyed is a flagrant violation of law and the culprit is subject to a substantial fine.—Ft. Sumner Review.

MORA

Serious Accident.

Virgil Anderson met a serious accident at the machine shop. He was working on a windmill and released a spring which struck him in the face inflicting a serious wound. He had it repaired by a surgeon and will soon recover.—Roy Spanish-American.

Wheat Harvest On.

Wheat Harvest is on all over the mesa this week and there will be a lot more wheat harvested than most people imagine.

The quality is good on the fields where it made at all. There will be enough wheat harvested to seed as large an acreage as was sown last year.—Roy Spanish-American.

Head-on Collision.

Joe Gilstrap and wife spent the fourth at the parental J. B. Lusk home near Mills. They picked up on the river and went fishing. They also figured in an auto accident. When turning the corner of the lumber shed at the Mills they met Mr. King driving Mr. Mann's Ford. He banged into their radiator at about 30 miles an hour and smashed up both cars considerably. Gilstrap had nearly stopped or there would likely have been more serious consequences. No one was seriously hurt and a hundred dollars will repair both cars.—Roy Spanish-American.

Beans In.

Fred Matheson finished planting 160 acres of beans Saturday and has started to plow 400 acres of land for the Wilson Co., near Abbott which they expect to put into wheat this fall.—Mills Developer.

M'KINLEY

Killed With Pocket Knife.

Benali, a Navajo Indian was killed Tuesday night by another Indian, believed to have been his brother, on the mesa near Allison. The crime was committed with a pocket knife. Benali was alive when found shortly after dark and was brought to the county hospital in town where he died at about eleven o'clock.

The first news of the affair was brought to Deputy Sheriff Henry Brock when he was on his way to Gibson to see the fire works display. The officer was driving and was stopped on the road by a Navajo who told him that another Indian was lying badly wounded on the mesa. The deputy went with the Indian to the place and found Benali nearly dead from loss of blood from several knife wounds. The injured man was stabbed three times through the back, the back of the head was badly cut and there was a wound in the front of the head.

Very little can be learned of the affair any more than that Benali left Allison in company with his brother and it is believed that there were other Navajos in the party. Benali came to town from Wide Ruin and attended the celebration at Allison leaving town at about dark. Efforts are being made to locate the brother who is believed to have done the stabbing. The remains of the murdered Navajo were interred in Hill Crest cemetery at the expense of the government.—Gallup Herald.

OTERO

Shipping Ore at La Luz.

J. J. Jackson was in Alamogordo last Saturday from his mines in the Burro Flat county, near La Luz. He says that he would soon ship about four cars of ore to the smelter at El Paso. The ore according to Mr. Jackson will run about \$40 to \$125 per ton.—Alamogordo News.

Train Hits Wagon.

As train No. 3, the Gold State Limited, passed through Oscura at full speed it struck the wagon of D. T. Rains of Tularosa, which was loaded with fruit. The pilot hit the hind end of the wagon, knocking it upside down and smashing it to pieces. As

the wagon was struck Mr. Rains was knocked off so that he was not badly hurt, also the mules hitched to the wagon escaped without injury. Mr. Rains had a narrow escape from being killed.—Alamogordo News.

Boy Killed by Horse.

The 5-year-old son of John Duran, who is an employee at W. E. Jerging's mill down James Canyon, was kicked by a horse sustaining a compound fracture of the skull. He was brought to Cloudercroft immediately and that night was operated on by Drs. V. F. Mueller and G. W. R. Smith, but the little fellow died at 8 o'clock Sunday morning. The remains were taken to Tularosa and there tenderly laid to rest.—Cloudercroft.

Scattered Wheat.

An extremely exciting run-away last Friday in which a load of sheaf wheat was scattered promiscuously through town and Tomas Martinez thrown violently against the ground sustaining a dislocated shoulder, a severe cut on the arm and other minor bruises. Dr. Holms of Alamogordo was soon on the job and Mr. Martinez is fast recovering.—Cloudercroft.

QUAY

Fireworks Caught on Fire.

Last Friday evening about 8:30 someone struck a match, at the store of Florencio Martinez, which broke and flew into a pile of fireworks. The fireworks caught fire and for a few minutes it caused considerable excitement, and but for the timely arrival of assistance with water a conflagration was averted. As it was quite a bit of damage was done to the stock Mr. Martinez estimates, that the damage will amount to over one thousand dollars which is covered by insurance. Quick action on the part of the people saved the stock as well as the building.—Logan Leader.

Fatal Rattler's Bite.

Last Saturday morning Ossie eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Travelstead who live in the Anniston neighborhood, was out playing and in some manner was struck on the head by a rattlesnake. The little fellow was brought to town for treatment but nothing was accomplished and he died Sunday evening.—Logan Leader.

To Help The Soldiers.

M. B. Goldenberg has launched a scheme to make the soldier boys feel that they are being appreciated by the citizens of this community. A booth where cold drinks, cigars, etc., may be had, has been established near the rail-way depot. Different business firms contribute to the funds of cigars and confections which, when taken to the booth, are handed out to the soldiers without charge. Mr. Goldenberg believes he can afford to buy the cigars if the soldiers are willing to do the fighting.—Tucumcari American.

Murderer Captured.

A young Mexican woman twenty years of age was arrested near Hachita in southern Grant county this week charged with being implicated in the brutal murder of Mr. and Mrs. William Parker, at their ranch in the southern end of the county on the Mexican border, Monday evening, June 26. The young woman and her husband, a young man aged 24, were in the Parker's employ and it is alleged they cruelly shot both Mr. and Mrs. Parker. Deputy Schrimpscher is in charge of the woman. It is expected the woman's husband and accomplice in the crime will be captured within a few days.—Silver City Enterprise.

UNION

Disastrous Fire.

Fire, originating in the vulcanizing room completely destroyed the Pioneer garage, all its equipment, tubes and casings, valued at several thousand dollars, hundreds of dollars worth of parts and accessories, seven motor cars and two residences belonging to the Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wikoff and their son Allen. The fire was one of the hottest and threatened to be the most

disastrous ever to visit Clayton. A varying wind whipped the flames to many angles and menaced for a time, the entire east residence section of the city.

The volunteer fire department, with assistance of others fought in the terrific heat and smoke, and handicapped with low water pressure for a strenuous hour before the fire was under control and only then after it had consumed the two dwellings adjoining the garage. The most remarkable feature of the fire was its intense heat and its short duration. At 12 o'clock the mechanics "knocked off" for lunch. At 1 o'clock they were without a job and their employers without a home and the business which they had spent years building reduced to smoldering junk.

Many cars were in the garage when the fire was discovered. All of them were run out except seven consisting of two Chalmers touring cars, Mrs. Wikoff's coupe, Allen's racing Ford, a Maxwell belonging to H. L. Simpson, White Tanner's truck and a stock Ford.—Clayton Citizen.

Horses Collided.

John Iker, living about ten miles south of Clayton, was brought to town from Clapham in a very serious condition caused by a fall from his horse. He was attending the celebration at Clapham, and had entered the "Gallo" or chicken race, horseback and it company with another party was running at full speed when the two horses collided, throwing him violently to the ground, the horse falling on him. The other man jumped from his horse and was unhurt. When Iker was picked up he was unconscious and has remained so until 3 p. m.—Clayton Citizen.

CURRY

The National Tread.

The streets of Clovis during the past week have resounded to the martial tread of soldier boys' feet. Nearly every day several train loads of national guardsmen from the east have passed through here enroute to the Mexican border, and the trains going through in daylight have stopped here long enough for the troops to detrain and exercise. They were marched through the streets and in a few instances, at least, up as far as the vacant lots just south of the court house, where they were put through maneuvers calculated to rest them from the long rides on the trains that they had been subjected to.—Clovis News.

Runaway Ford.

Monday afternoon people in the vicinity of the City Drug Store were startled by the crashing of falling glass, where a Ford car owned by Judge J. D. Hamilton of Farwell, Texas, and being driven by a Mr. Temple crossed the sidewalk and smashed into the front of the drug store with terrific impact. The car struck the door casing, driving one fender through the plate glass window and damaging the screened enclosure about the front doors. Mr. Temple states that he lost control of the car when his foot slipped off the foot pedal, throwing the car back in gear and sending it on its mission of destruction.—Clovis Journal.

Badly Burned.

H. L. Langford has his hands and arms severely burned last week when cleaning a car with gasoline which ignited through a circuit caused by a metal handle brush coming in contact with a charged metal part in the engine. But for prompt help he would probably have been burned to death.—Clovis News.

Wheat Acreage.

Ernest Hall has forty acres of wheat that will run sixteen bushels per acre. The rest of the farm will run six to ten bushels per acre.

Accident To Eye.

Mr. Story met with quite a serious accident while in the breakers after wood. A staple which he pulled from a post saw ft to land in his eye. He has been unable to use it up to date.—Tucumcari American.

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